

## BRIDGE COMMISSION PLANS TO RESTRICT BIDS FOR BUILDING

Have Plan Whereby Local Contractors Will Be Frozen Out on Structure.

The Stratford avenue bridge commission has decided on a double leaf bascule channel span bridge for the new Stratford avenue bridge, similar to that which spans the Pequonnock river at Congress street.

Just as it has held all its meetings in secret the Stratford avenue bridge commission has secretly planned to advertise for bids for the new structure over the Pequonnock river at the site of the present bridge. Steno-graphers in the office of the board of contract and supply today were preparing drafts of an advertisement which was intended for one local newspaper only.

There are several firms engaged in bridge building in this city but the idea was that the advertisement would be placed in one corner of this local newspaper and agents of the local firms might not see it. So, in keeping with the policy of the present administration, only outside firms would have a chance to bid on the contract and none of the local men would get in a bid.

The board of contract and supply has arranged to place advertisements in two journals published outside of Bridgeport and to spend the city's money with firms who are in no wise concerned with Bridgeport.

Sealed proposals will be asked on a reinforced concrete girder bridge with a double leaf bascule span and all superstructures and approaches. All bids must be in the hands of the board of contract and supply and accompanied by a check for \$10,000 before noon on August 7. The plans and specifications call for a roadway 41 feet clear of all curbs, two sidewalks 12 feet wide and the length of the bridge to be 493 feet.

Plans and specifications of the bridge may be procured from Grimmer & Whitman of Baltimore, engineers of the bridge, on the payment of \$5.

### OBITUARY

#### STEPHEN TIMKO

The funeral of Stephen Timko, formerly a fireman, who died on Tuesday, was held from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Mary Timko, of 386 Pine street, this afternoon and was attended by numerous relatives and friends of the deceased. Interment was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

The Dresden, Ohio National Bank was closed by National Bank Examiner Bachman, who is looking over the condition of the bank, following the disappearance of John Horning, the cashier.

### DIED

**O'DONNELL**—In this city, Wednesday, July 14, 1915. Bridget M. Shaughnessy, beloved wife of Martin A. O'Donnell.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 174 Park street on Saturday, July 17th, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Charles at 9 o'clock. Burial at St. Michael's cemetery.

**ROBERTS**—In this city, Wednesday, July 14, 1915. Rose H., wife of William Roberts, aged 42 years, 3 months, 14 days. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 2718 North Main street on Friday, July 16th at 2:30 p. m. Interment Mt. Grove cemetery.

**BLAKESLEE**—In Colebrook, Conn., July 13, 1915. John Blakeslee. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of his son, E. J. Blakeslee, 151 Fairview Ave., Stratford, on Friday, July 16 at 2 p. m. Burial in Union Cemetery.

**STELLING**—In this city, July 13, 1915. Mary Mullen, widow of Ferdinand H. Stelling. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 213 Olive street on Friday, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church at 9 a. m. Interment St. Mary's cemetery, Derby, Conn. Automobile cortege.

**KENT**—In Norwalk, July 13, Robert J. Kent.

**TO RENT**—Second floor, 150 Elm St., 20x30, suitable for light manufacturing. Enquire Lynch & Co., 150 Elm St.

**WANTED**—Six experienced Union tinsmith helpers immediately. Call at Carpenters Hall or phone 2348.

**RENTS WANTED**—Desirable small family wants rent with improvements, not to exceed \$22. Address Rent, Care of Farmer.

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD, ss., COURT OF PROBATE.**

In the matter of the will of George E. Stevens, late of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, deceased, conveying property situated in this State and District.

Upon the petition of James E. Wheeler of New Haven, Conn., attorney for the executors named in said will requesting this court for reasons in said petition set forth to order on file and record in this court, certain papers produced as duly authenticated and exemplified copy of the last will and testament of said deceased and of the record of the proceedings, proving and establishing the same, in the State of Vermont, and that the executor named in said will be approved by this court, as by said petition on file in this court will more fully appear, it is

Ordered: That said petition be heard and determined at the Probate Office in said Fairfield, on the 21st day of July, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; at which time and place all persons interested therein are hereby cited to appear and show any objection which they may have to the granting of said petition.

It is further ordered that said petition give notice of this said order and citation by publishing the same in a newspaper having a circulation in this district, and by posting a copy of said order on a public sign-post in said Fairfield at least 5 days before said day of hearing.

BACON WAKEMAN,

Judge.

## Summary OF THE War News

German forces again are active in the region north of Warsaw, causing military observers to believe that a drive at the Polish capital from that direction may be imminent.

The Russians admit a German offensive has begun in one sector, where a Russian force retired to its second line positions. Apparently, the same operations, however, were alluded to in the most recent German official statement as resulting in a question of "local successes."

The German drive at the French lines in the Argonne forest region, has been followed by attempts on the part of the French to regain lost ground. The latest report from Paris claims partial success in the effort.

Two hills defending Eritha, on the Gallipoli peninsula, were occupied by the troops of the entente allies after four assaults on Monday last according to Athens advices received in London. Constantinople, reporting on the same engagements, says that allied attacks, in which warships supported the troops, were repulsed with heavy losses.

A German submarine sank the Norwegian steamer Rym. One of the merchantman's engineers was killed.

Great Britain's strike problem continues acute, 150,000 miners having gone out despite the prohibitions of the munitions act.

## Official VIEWS OF World's War FRENCH

Paris, July 15.—The French war office gave out the following today on the progress of hostilities:

"Activity during the night in the region north of Arras was quite diversified. South of the Chateau de Senlis we seized a line of German trenches. Around Neuville St. Vaast and the 'Labyrinth' there was hand grenade fighting.

"In the Argonne, the fighting was circumscribed within the region of the forest where we had progressed yesterday. North of the Servon road, after a series of counter-attacks the Germans succeeded in regaining a foothold in the Beaurain woods. In the rest of this sector there was no change.

"Between Fay-en-Haye and the forest of LePretre an attempt of the enemy to rally from his trenches was immediately halted by a curtain of artillery fire and the fire of our infantry."

## STRATFORD REAPS BENEFIT OF BOOM IN REAL ESTATE

"Lots Sell Like Hot Cakes," Says One of the Realty Developers.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, July 15.—Unprecedented in the history of the town is the real estate boom that the Bridgeport Arms Works construction and its army of future employees in prospect have brought to the west end of Stratford, especially in the Hollister Heights district.

Densens of lots are sold every day in this section, and plans for the immediate construction of homes are being prepared daily. Within easy access of the Arms plant, and a stone's throw from the Barnum avenue trolley, the Boston avenue property which real estate men are developing is proving the fastest selling realty that Stratford has developed.

O. B. Short, one of the promoters of Boston avenue park, said today that in his experience in realty, which covers practically the entire country, where homes have developed, he had seen nothing like the demand for home sites that has attended Bridgeport's boom.

"Lots are selling like hot cakes," he said today. Stratford reaps the benefit of the Bridgeport boom. This section, especially, is well equipped, with its big school house and all the utilities found in the center of Bridgeport, to handle the overflow of Bridgeport's great increase.

### BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

British troops are reported to be fighting with the Serbian army against the Austrians.

"Mike" Donlin, former New York baseball star, has signed a contract to pose for movies.

More than 15,000 cattle and 13,000 swine had to be destroyed in Pennsylvania because of an outbreak of the foot and mouth disease. The cost of wiping out the disease was \$1,850,000.

Billie Burke, one of the Frohman Company's stars, has severed her connection with that concern, and she will take up movie acting for 5 weeks, for which she will receive \$40,000.

Damage of \$500 was caused to the pier of the Hamburg-American line at the foot of 25th street and the Hudson River. The fire was caused by a wrong electric current being turned on.

Mayor Mitchell and numerous other city officials attended the funeral of Charles J. McCormack, late borough president of Richmond.

Fire in driftwood along the Delaware river spread to within 300 yards of the Ft. Font powder mills at Carney's Point, N. J., before it was extinguished.

The funeral of Charles J. McCormack, president of the Italian army, left New York city, was held yesterday in St. Peter's church, St. George, S. I.

Lieut. Gen. Porro, commander of the 5th Division of the Italian army, left Paris where he had been on official business, to return to Italian headquarters.

Bridgeport, Conn.

Thursday, July 15, 1915.

## HOWLAND'S

Store closes at 5 daily except Saturdays

The Weather: Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably thunder showers.

# Biggest News of day is this:--- the MILL END sale has begun

There is nothing of equal interest in the eyes and brain of the man or woman bent on true economy.

It makes no difference whether one seeks things to wear or for the home; the Mill End Sale offers help.

Its quantities of merchandise are enormous. Its qualities are dependable. Its prices are thrilling in their lowness.

The big news, the economy news, the style news, the home-furnishing news, the men's news as well as the women's; that news is:-- The 35th Mill End Sale, has begun to pour forth its wonderful flood of worthy things at wonderful savings.

The Store is crowded. The Mill End shoppers are enthusiastic. The Mill End lots are magnetic. We are surely going to serve more people than ever and give them the finest values that ever a Mill End Sale has seen!

Come. Come early. Come often.

## The busy Mill End Shopper picks a fine basketful of savings.

## Every section of the store is eagerly ready to help fill that basket.

## THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

### MANUFACTURERS MAY GRANT 8 HOUR DAY TO MACHINISTS

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ican Federation of Labor and ascertain what the jurisdictional ruling really is. Some of the members protested that this action was unnecessary as the law books of the organization were explicit but the motion was carried and the secretary instructed to communicate with the Federation office at once.

Thomas Nolan, international organizer of the Hoisting Engineers, was in this city, but spent most of the day in conference with Superintendent Greist of the Stewart Construction Co. He could not be reached to learn what decision had been taken at last night's meeting, but it was implied that the 25 men employed on the works had agreed that they should sustain the action of the ironworkers and millwrights against the carpenters.

No Disturbance Today

There was no disturbance at the Arms works today though an added force of local policemen were kept in the vicinity of the entrance gates all day.

### ARMS COMPANY'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF EIGHT HOUR DAY

The statement issued by the armament manufacturing plant on the day follows:

Beginning August 1, all the workshops of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Company and the Union Metallic Cartridge Company of Bridgeport, and Ilion, N. Y., will be operated on the 8 hour plan. Without requi-

tion of pay, workmen of all grades will be required to work but 8 hours a day, instead of 10, as heretofore.

Economic conditions governing the labor situation throughout the United States have shown a general tendency towards an 8 hour day, and the shortening of labor hours was adopted by the government several years ago. It was found upon actual test in both arsenals and navy yards that the cost of production of arms and of battle ships was but slightly if at all increased by the change. The reason why the production of a man working 8 hours so nearly equals that of one working two hours longer during the same day, is easily accounted for in increased efficiency, and the result of the Stewart Construction Co. He could not be reached to learn what decision had been taken at last night's meeting, but it was implied that the 25 men employed on the works had agreed that they should sustain the action of the ironworkers and millwrights against the carpenters.

In pursuance of this determination, the following order was issued, July 14, issued by Mr. Marcellus Hartley Dodge, President of the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company and of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.

"The management has had under consideration for the past few months some plan whereby the employees of the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company, and the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, might receive tangible recognition of the value of their services, and have decided this would best be shown by reducing the number of hours constituting a day's work."

"The employees of the above works will therefore be notified that beginning August 1, 1915, and until further notice, the reg-

ular working day will be eight hours instead of ten hours as heretofore, and the wages of day work and piece work employees will be adjusted to yield substantially the same weekly earnings as at present."

### Kline Brothers' Store Is Rented to New York Firm

Much interest is being betrayed in the announcement that Abe L. Kline, senior member of the firm of Kline Brothers, dry goods merchants of 955 Main street, is about to retire to enter the clothing manufacturing business with his father, Isamat Kline of Philadelphia, and that the four story building on Main street has been leased to the Almwel Co. of New York for a term of 15 years. Ernest Gross of New York city, a stockholder of the Almwel Co., who was in the city yesterday, has announced that the firm will deal in women's, misses' and children's cloaks, suits, millinery and furs. It was said that arrangements will be made with the new firm for hiring most of the force of 50 hands, which the store now employs.

The Kline Brothers came to Bridgeport in 1907 from Redding, Pa., renting the block now occupied by the Kroger Co., at Cannon and Main streets. When this was sold they were required to change their location and they chose the present building which was raised to the ground and rebuilt. The formal opening of the Almwel Co. will probably be held in September.

### COUNTY OFFICIALS AT OBSEQUES OF WIFE OF COMMISSIONER BROPHY

A number of county officials went to Ridgefield this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Brophy, wife

of County Commissioner John Brophy. The funeral was held from the Catholic church in Ridgefield at 9:30 a. m. Those who went from this city were Sheriff Simeon Pease, Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham, County Commissioners Henry Crawford and Frank E. Ballard and Sealer William H. Brown.

### Work is Commenced on \$5,000,000 Museum

Chicago, July 15.—Construction work on the new five million dollar Field Museum of Natural History which is to be built on Chicago's lake front, just south of Twelfth street, began today after 12 years of planning and negotiation.

The structure will be completed in less than three years, according to plans. More than 3,000 men will be employed in the work. When finished it will be the largest marble building in the world and one of the largest museums. It will consist of three stories and a basement and will cover an area of 700x350 feet. The floor area of the museum will be 670,000 square feet, of which 400,000 square feet will be devoted to exhibition purposes. The remainder will be used for scientific laboratories, lecture halls, offices and a restaurant.

The late Marshall Field gave \$2,500,000 for the building and endowment fund of the museum.

### UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR TOTS MOTHER ACQUIESCE IN THEIR COMMITMENT

Two months ago, Delia Byron, mother of Gertrude Byron, aged 11, and William Byron, aged 9, thought she could care for her children, although her husband was living apart from her and contributing nothing to her support. Today in the probate court she acquiesced in an application by the Connecticut Humane society for their commitment to some charitable institution. The children are now living with the mother of Mrs. Byron at 349 Harrall avenue. Mrs.

### BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The Bank of England released \$2,000 for miscellaneous purposes.

A large ordnance plant which will cost about \$50,000,000 is being erected at Harrison, N. J., by the Crucible Steel Co.

Captain William A. Mattery, an American aviator, was killed by a 5,000 foot fall while serving with General Villa's army in Mexico.

Joseph Pratt was killed and two others seriously injured when Pratt's automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania freight train at Saltsburg, Pa.

Official denial was made that Great Britain is contemplating taking over the entire Canadian grain crop.

Electric Boat Co., declared a dividend of 16 per cent. on the preferred and 12 per cent. on the common stock.

An additional furnace was ordered blown in by the Carnegie Steel Co., at its Isabella plant near Pittsburgh.

The Liberty Bell arrived at Seattle on its journey to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

### GOING AWAY?

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